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## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2011-109-C

Re:	Application of GC Pivotal, LLC for a	)	
	Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
	Necessity to Provide Local Exchange	)	CONTRACT A COLONIA
	And Interexchange Telecommunications	)	STIPULATION
	Services in the State of South Carolina	)	
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The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and GC Pivotal, LLC ("GC Pivotal") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose GC Pivotal's Application. SCTC and GC Pivotal stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to GC Pivotal, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.
- 2. GC Pivotal stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize GC Pivotal to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.
- 3. GC Pivotal stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.
- 4. GC Pivotal stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and until GC Pivotal provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its

intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, GC Pivotal acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

- 5. GC Pivotal stipulates and agrees that, if GC Pivotal gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then GC Pivotal will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.
- 6. GC Pivotal acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.
- 7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and GC Pivotal, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.
- 8. GC Pivotal agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. GC Pivotal hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 2nd day of May

2011.

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	And Interexchange Telecommunications	)	SERVICE
	Services in the State of South Carolina	)	SERVICE
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I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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